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Steven W. Tompkins, Sheriff  
Suffolk County Sheriff's Department  
20 Bradston Street  
Boston, MA 02118 (electronic copy)

Re: Plan of Correction – Suffolk County House of Correction, Boston

Dear Sheriff Tompkins:

The Massachusetts Department of Public Health, Community Sanitation Program (CSP) has received your Plan of Correction (POC) in response to my inspection conducted on March 19, 20, and 21, 2019. After review, the CSP finds the plan appropriately addresses all of the violations noted in the report with the following exception:

In regards to the issue of overcrowding, the CSP appreciates the limitations of correctional facilities and the need to accommodate the ever-increasing population; however we remain concerned with the overcrowded conditions.

Thank you for your prompt attention to this matter, should you have any questions please contact me at the address listed above.

Sincerely,

Patrick Wallace  
Environmental Health Inspector, CSP, BEH

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